

Hospitality House News

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In this season of giving and giving thanks, we in Big Timber know just what Christmas Miracles are! Just look at Larry Pray and Louie Todisco. Look at the miracle of prayer and support that has brought the community together in love for those two souls. My wish for all of you this Christmas and New Year is that through the trials of just living each day, you are able to keep the miracle of Christmas in your hearts and enjoy each day to the max.

And in the spirit of giving we have been blessed by the generosity of Laura Cowell (for all those lovely Christmas decorations), Tamela Johnson (for the baby's breath for the tree) to Craig and Diane Snodgrass (for all the merchandise they gave us), to Citizens Bank for the donation to our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program and to the Church of Christ for their donation to our congregate meals program.

These wonderful people know the true spirit of Christmas. So in that spirit I would like to remind you that these donations are for everyone. The donations to the MOW and Congregate Meals funds are for those that might not be able to pay for meals for themselves, or might be only able to pay part of the meal costs. This is so they can get a hot, nourishing meal at least once a day. Please let me know confidentially, so we can continue this great service.

We appreciate all of you who brought in aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. We keep collecting them all year—so keep saving.

We held our monthly meetings and the reports went as follows.

I reported on our insurance. Pat Leary has been working hard on our behalf to get our insurance needs sorted out. He has switched our companies, and got us a good rate in the deal.

Area II is behind on getting the reports I send into their computers. It was suggested maybe I could just send them a backup disk and they could download it. (I called and they need to check with someone to see if that will work.)

Old Business: Raises for Norma and Marilyn were discussed and it was noted that Area II built raises into the budget for them this year. Norma has never had a raise since she started three years ago and Marilyn has only had one in her four and a half years. This was tabled until the next meeting, while we wait for more information, then the raises would be retroactive to January 1, 2004.

New Business: The need for a new Vice Chairman and Treasurer and check signer was discussed. Lydia Hauge graciously (crying and screaming all the way actually, ha, ha) agreed to be the new Vice Chairman. We will ask John Ronneberg if he would like to take on yet another task by being treasurer. New check signers will be Lydia Hauge, Byron Manley, Lola Perrins and Ursula Ostneberg.

Staff bonuses were discussed and passed.

Special session: Jess Karlson asked if he and some friends could use the Senior Center for a free community dinner to be held in January. They would provide all the food and labor but need a building to hold it in. A discussion was held and we could see no drawbacks to his proposal; it was passed unanimously.

Volunteers wanted: There is a plan underway to help the residents of the PMC and seniors in their homes to attend their local churches on Sunday mornings. We have offered to let them use the senior bus which is handicap equipped, but we need volunteer drivers and aides to

help transport these people. We hope to get enough so that you would only need to work one in every six Sundays. No special drivers license is needed and training will be provided. If you would like to participate, or have questions or input please call the Hospitality House at 932-5455.

We got a notice from the State long term and senior care division and they have asked that we write our congressmen in Washington and ask them not to cut the personal commodities program. We photocopied letters to them and had them available to sign.

Louie Strand, Mary Lay and Ferne Prather were the winners of our monthly meal drawing.

Willard Busby, our Senior Center bus driver, is doing very well and has started his physical therapy in Columbus.

Our Christmas party was held

on December 17, and what a great time we had! We started it off by having Norma's great tomato soup (think 4-B's) and ground roast beef sandwiches with a delicious pumpkin delight dessert. Then on to the entertainment.

Ardus Evers put in a lot of time arranging the program and getting us all organized. The Kitchen Band had been practicing overtime to get it right and boy were they good!

We had a skit put on by Gordon Strand, Ardus Evers and Bernice Noor about Ole' and Lena. Clara Strand and Gordon Sargent, accompanied by Ruth Braley, performed a beautiful duet. Then followed "The Night Before Christmas" read by Ardus and two solos by Gordon (Lutefisk and Lefsa).

My rendition of "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" and "I'm Getting Nuttin' For Christmas" included pigtales and pj's (and, of

course, my lambie.) We heard a poem by Bernice, and Joy Pirsch (who has a gorgeous voice, by the way) did a solo for us.

Then we all sang "God Bless America" and a few of the great Christmas favorites in a sing along. This was all followed by **Food, Food and More Food!**

Our Center will be closed Christmas Day and the day after, and New Years Day and the day after. Meals on Wheels will be delivered from the Pioneer Medical Center on those days.

Don't forget we have bingo on Mondays, recycle cards on Tuesdays, blood pressure checks every Wednesday and blood sugar on the second Wednesday, a bus that goes out of town for doctor appointments on Thursdays, and cards on Friday. The Kitchen Band plays for us every third Wednesday for our birthday celebration and practices on

the Tuesdays of the weeks that they don't play.

January Menus

- 1 - Closed
- 2 - Closed
- 5 - Corned Beef Hash
- 6 - Lasagna
- 7 - Pork Chops
- 9 - Swiss Steak
- 12 - Norweigen Meatballs
- 13 - Chicken and Dumplings
- 14 - Pork Ribs
- 16 - Beef Stroganoff
- 19 - Salmon Loaf
- 20 - Cordon Blue
- 21 - Roast Beef
- 23 - Lamb Ribs
- Start of *Around The World Tour*
- 26 - Pineapple Chicken
- 27 - Hawaiian Meatballs
- 28 - Hawaiian Roast Pork
- 30 - Ham

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LIQUIDATION AUCTIONS

Saturday January 10th 11a.m. Preview
10a.m. Fairgrounds Columbus, MT

Saturday January 24th 11a.m. Preview
10a.m. Fergus County Trade Center,
Lewistown, MT

PUBLIC NOTICE: It has been ordered that this inventory be sold at auction to satisfy creditors and distributors.

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: We Made Every Effort To Have All The Pictures Correct. There Could Possibly Be Extra Pieces Or Less Pieces In Some Instances On Certain Items. Items Subject To Prior Sale, But Will Be Replaced With Similiar Items.

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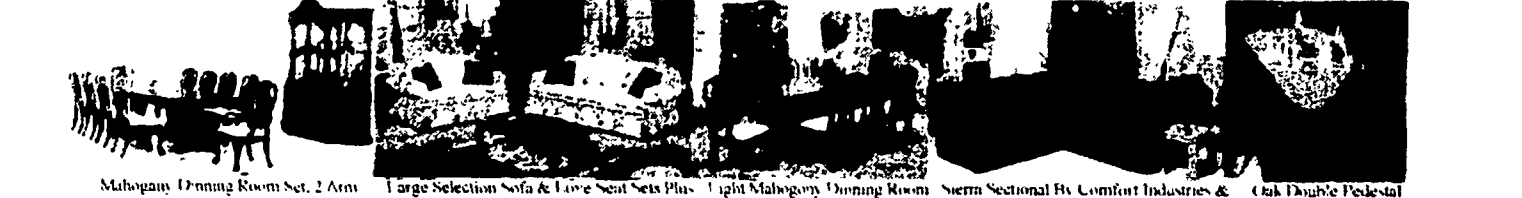
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